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SUBJ: MIDNIGHT WRAPUP - SEPT 15/16

1. LEAD ITEM ON TV/13 EVENING NEWS WAS INTERVIEW WITH JUNTA PRES. GEN. PINOCHET WHO STRESSED SITUATION NATIONWIDE IS TOTALLY CALM AND CONTROLLED EXCEPT FOR A FEW GROUPS IN SANTIAGO AREA. PINOCHET REAFFIRMED IMMEDIATE GOAL OF JUNTA IS TO RESOLVE SUCH PROBLEMS AS DISTRIBUTION OF FOODSTUFFS AND FUEL. LONGER TERM GOAL IS "INTEGRAL RECUPERATION" OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL SYSTEM; AFTER THIS IS ACHIEVED, THEN CHILE CAN RETURN TO TRADITIONAL DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. PINOCHET ENDED WITH CALL FOR UNITY OF ALL CHILEANS TO MEET TASKS AHEAD. OTHER NEWSCAST THEMES WERE MILITARY ARMS SEARCHES, RETURN OF NORMALITY TO SANTIAGO AND KEY PROVINCIAL CITIES, CUPIDITY OF UP OFFICIALS, AND FILMS OF ALLENDE BODY (NOT CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE) BEING REMOVED FROM MONEDA.
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2. JUNTA ISSUED STATEMENT, ADDRESSED TO FOREIGN CREDITORS AND INTERNATIONAL BANKING INSTITUTIONS, THAT NEW GOBT RECOGNIZES ALL DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS LEGALLY CONTRACTED BY PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS.

3. FONMIN ADM. HUERTA ANNOUNCED SWITZERLAND HAS RECOGNIZED NEW GOVT. FONMINISTRY SOURCE TOLD US SAPIN AND YUGOSLAVIA HAVE ALSO RECOGNIZED, BUT NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT YET MADE.

4. AT APPROXIMATELY 2230 HOURS SEPT 14, EXTREMIST GROUPS SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKED NAVAL ACADEMY, 2D INFANTRY REGT. "MAIPO," 4TH CAVALRY REGT. "CORACEROS," AND THREE CARABINERO POSTS, ALL IN VALPARAISO. IT IS ROMORED THAT FIGHTING LASTED UNTIL 0230 HOURS SEPT 15, WITH APPROXIMATELY 500 EXTREMISTS KILLED AND 150 TAKEN PRISONER. LOSSES AMONG ARMED FORCES AND CARABINEROS WERE REPORTEDLY VERY LIGHT. MILITARY RADIO NETWORK OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED 600 PRISONERS TAKEN, BUT GAVE NO INDICATION OF THEIR FATE.

5. IT IS RUMORED THAT IN VALPARAISO THERE HAVE BEEN PLACED ABOARD FREIGHTER "MAIPO" BETWEEN 2500 AND 3000 PRISONERS, WHILE ABOUT 500 WOMEN PRISONERS ARE BEING HELD ABOARD NAVY TRAINING SHIP "ESMERALDA." OTHER PRISONERS HAVE REPORTEDLY ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND.

6. RETURNING FROM TRIP IN NOTHERN CHILE, EMBOFF REPORTS NORTHERN PROVINCES CALM, ACTIVITY APPEARS NEAR NORMAL, AND NO NOTABLE ANTI-JUNTA ACTION OBSERVED. PROVINCES HAVE OWN REGIONAL RADIO NETWORKS BROADCASTING LOCAL MILITARY ORDERS, INTERSPERSED WITH NATIONAL NETWORK BULLETINS.

7. JUNTA HAS ANNOUNCED ADDITIONAL NEW APPOINTMENTS, MAINLY TO TECHNICAL POSTS AND HEADS OF AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES. CONSOLIDATED LIST BEING SUBMITTED SEPTEL.

8. CURFEW RULES FOR SANTIAGO SUN. SEPT 16 SAME AS SEPT 14 AND 15, 8.E. OFF AT 1000 AND RESUME 1830.

9. NO REPORTS OF ANY INJURIES TO AMERICANS. DO NOT FORESEE ANY NEED REPORT FURTHER UNTIIL 0600 WRAPUP, BUT WE WILL MAIN-
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